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SENATOR BAKER: Nothing. It's policy now, but I want to put it in statute.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: So you want to bind future administrations to this policy, in statute. Is that...do we federally, are we required to do that?

SENATOR BAKER: I don't think so, but I think, and my belief is it is good state policy to do this, yes, to require it.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: The department now, they have a certain amount of leaway on a case-by-case basis, I suspect, on a rule and reg. Is that correct?

SENATOR BAKER: I'm sorry. I was visiting Senator Chambers. What...what was the question? I'm sorry.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: By doing it under rule and reg as they do now, they have a certain level of discretion and latitude with regard on a case-by-case basis.

SENATOR BAKER: Well, yes, they do.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: You know, as you said, if a name is inverted or if a Social Security numbers are transposed or something, they can work with individuals. Wouldn't putting it in statute restrict them from doing that?

SENATOR BAKER: No, it wouldn't change anything from what they're doing now.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: What would happen then to these 2,024 people that ultimately receive the driver's license?

SENATOR BAKER: I don't think there'd be any difference from what they're doing now.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Well, they would be prohibited by law from receiving a license, and right now they're not prohibited by law from receiving...